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### **UD'S MINISTRY WITH DISABLED TO EXTEND SERVICES TO LOCAL CHURCHES**

DAYTON, Ohio -- The University of Dayton's Center for Ministry with Disabled People (MWDP) has begun a networking program to extend its work to area churches.

So far, 40 people from 20 churches have volunteered to be trained in the ministry, according to Ross Maguire, program director for the MWDP office.

UD's MWDP office will teach the volunteers how to include disabled children in regular classes, help and encourage churches to provide "signing" at their services so that those with hearing impairments can participate, provide support for families who have disabled family members, teach communication skills to people with disabilities so that they can effectively talk with a pastor or minister about their needs, and build support groups around parishioners with disabilities.

"They will be our link by helping to incorporate the University's services and programs into their own churches," said Marilyn Bishop, director of the MWDP.

These people will also network with other groups in the church, such as the worship committee and the facilities committee. The worship committee, for example, might agree to

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designate one church service or Mass out of the year to be directed entirely by the church's disabled persons, who might serve as lectors, choose and sing the music or be ministers of communion. The facilities committee might increase its efforts to make the church more accessible to the handicapped.

The volunteers will also maintain a network between parishes, not only for exchanging ideas, but for offering encouragement, according to Maguire.

UD held the first of two informational meetings with the volunteers in October. A second one is planned for April 4. For more information about the service, contact Ross Maguire at 229-4325.